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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PUBLICITY MATERIAL FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS' TRAFFICKING CAMPAIGN

REF: SHERMAN/MARTIZ TELCON 9/22/82

1. AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT OF CONSULAR SECTION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY PUBLICITY MATERIALS FROM DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY POSTERS, BROCHURES, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES, EXPLAINING THE SERIOUS PENALTIES IMPOSED ON AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAVELLING ABROAD, WHO BECOME INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS' TRAFFICKING AND/OR POSSESSION.

2. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 31 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PRISON IN PERU, ALL FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS, SOME WITH SENTENCES RANGING FROM 5-15 YEARS. IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BEING INCARCERATED IN THIS COUNTRY, THE AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, ASSISTED AND GUIDED BY USIA/LIMA, TO ALERT AMERICANS ON THE SERIOUS RISKS AND HIGH PENALTIES IMPOSED IN PERU FOR NARCOTICS' VIOLATIONS, INVOLVING EITHER SOFT OR HARD DRUGS.

3. PERMISSION WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PLACE POSTERS AND OTHER MATERIALS IN AREAS VISITED BY TOURISTS IN PERU, SUCH AS AIRPORTS, STEAMSHIP LINES, TRAVEL AGENCIES, BANKS, SCHOOLS, AND ALSO IN EMBASSY RECEPTION AREAS.

4. CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM OTHER EMBASSIES IN LIMA, SUCH AS CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND, THE NETHERLANDS, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND AUSTRALIA HAVE ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. THEY PARTICULARLY WANTED POSTERS TO PLACE IN THE RECEPTION AREAS OF THE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES IN LIMA AND OTHER CITIES OF PERU. SOME ALSO WISHED TO DISTRIBUTE THESE POSTERS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL.
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